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NEWS SUMMARY:

United States Attorneys Office announced today that a federal grand jury in the Eastern District of Wisconsin has returned a one-count indictment charging a former Milwaukee police officer with money laundering.

The indictment alleges that between October 2003 and March 2004, Shareeta Stovall (DOB: 8/22/76), 5719 N. 67th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who was then a Milwaukee Police Department Officer, conspired to conduct financial transactions involving approximately \$48,000.00 in drug money which she received from her brother, Jerome Stovall. The indictment further alleges that the purpose of the conspiracy was to conceal the source, ownership, and control of the drug money.

Jerome Stovall and seventeen (17) others were indicted on September 23, 2004 on drug trafficking charges. On February 1, 2005, Jerome Stovall pled guilty in federal court to being a leader of a drug trafficking conspiracy and to carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime. As part of a plea agreement with the government, Jerome Stovall agreed that he had distributed 150 or more kilograms of cocaine between 1996 and the fall of 2003. Jerome Stovall is scheduled to be sentenced before United States District Judge Lynn S. Adelman on May 9, 2005, at 11:30 a.m. He will face the following minimum and maximum terms of imprisonment, fine, and supervised release:

CONSPIRACY - 10 years to life, \$4,000,000, and 5 years to life. The count also carries a mandatory special assessment of \$100.00; and

CARRYING A FIREARM - 5 years to life, \$250,000, and 5 years. The count also carries a mandatory special assessment of \$100.00. Any sentence imposed on this count must run consecutive to any sentence imposed on the conspiracy count.

If convicted of the offense in the most recent indictment, Shareeta Stovall will face up to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$500,000.

Shareeta Stovall was a Milwaukee Police Department Officer from November 16, 1998 to July 7, 2004.

The case, as well as the underlying drug trafficking conspiracy, was investigated by the Milwaukee Police Department, United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration and the Milwaukee High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.

The public is cautioned that an indictment is merely the formal method of returning charges against an individual and does not constitute inference of his or her guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until such time, if ever, that the government established his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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